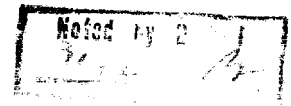


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Dear General Smith:

I have read your letter [redacted] of 2 March 1951 with interest, and note that you are preparing a statement for submittal to the Joint Chiefs of Staff giving your estimate of the support required from the Department of Defense in order to meet your responsibilities in the field of operations.

The assets which may be generated by requirements for operations in the cold war can be expected to be of proportionate value in case overt global war should intervene, and for some time all of us have been acquiring a considerable body of experience in learning the mechanics of dealing with the complex elements that are involved.

It seems to me that much of the support which is visualized in the enclosures to your letter can be provided by arrangements which have already been set in motion and are well advanced. This leads me to hope that we will not have too much difficulty in handling the situation within the current framework, but it is, of course, a proper subject for further exploration and discussion with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Financing appears to be a matter between you and the Congress, but you may be assured that I shall support your efforts to obtain funds for any conception of your plans and operations which has been accepted by Defense.

Sincerely,

Lt. General Walter B. Smith
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

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in case you want to
turn it over to your
staff. Hope we can
talk it over soon

Brad